

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 4865
OFFERED BY MR. ARCHER

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Social Security Bene-
3 fits Tax Relief Act of 2000”.

4 SEC. 2. REPEAL OF 1993 INCOME TAX INCREASE ON SOCIAL
5 SECURITY BENEFITS.

6 (a) RESTORATION OF PRIOR LAW FORMULA.—Sub-
7 section (a) of section 86 of the Internal Revenue Code of
8 1986 is amended to read as follows:

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Gross income for the taxable
10 year of any taxpayer described in subsection (b) (notwith-
11 standing section 207 of the Social Security Act) includes
12 social security benefits in an amount equal to the lesser
13 of—

14 “(1) one-half of the social security benefits re-
15 ceived during the taxable year, or

16 “(2) one-half of the excess described in sub-
17 section (b)(1).”

18 (b) REPEAL OF ADJUSTED BASE AMOUNT.—Sub-
19 section (c) of section 86 of such Code is amended to read
20 as follows:

1 “(c) BASE AMOUNT.—For purposes of this section,
2 the term ‘base amount’ means—

3 “(1) except as otherwise provided in this sub-
4 section, \$25,000,

5 “(2) \$32,000 in the case of a joint return, and

6 “(3) zero in the case of a taxpayer who—

7 “(A) is married as of the close of the tax-
8 able year (within the meaning of section 7703)
9 but does not file a joint return for such year,
10 and

11 “(B) does not live apart from his spouse at
12 all times during the taxable year.”

13 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

14 (1) Subparagraph (A) of section 871(a)(3) of
15 such Code is amended by striking “85 percent” and
16 inserting “50 percent”.

17 (2)(A) Subparagraph (A) of section 121(e)(1)
18 of the Social Security Amendments of 1983 (Public
19 Law 98–21) is amended—

20 (i) by striking “(A) There” and inserting
21 “There”;

22 (ii) by striking “(i)” immediately following
23 “amounts equivalent to”; and

24 (iii) by striking “, less (ii)” and all that
25 follows and inserting a period.

1 (B) Paragraph (1) of section 121(e) of such Act
2 is amended by striking subparagraph (B).

3 (C) Paragraph (3) of section 121(e) of such Act
4 is amended by striking subparagraph (B) and by re-
5 designating subparagraph (C) as subparagraph (B).

6 (D) Paragraph (2) of section 121(e) of such
7 Act is amended in the first sentence by striking
8 “paragraph (1)(A)” and inserting “paragraph (1)”.
9 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise pro-
11 vided in this subsection, the amendments made by
12 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning
13 after December 31, 2000.

14 (2) SUBSECTION (c)(1).—The amendment made
15 by subsection (c)(1) shall apply to benefits paid after
16 December 31, 2000.

17 (3) SUBSECTION (c)(2).—The amendments
18 made by subsection (c)(2) shall apply to tax liabil-
19 ities for taxable years beginning after December 31,
20 2000.

21 **SEC. 3. MAINTENANCE OF TRANSFERS TO HOSPITAL IN-**
22 **SURANCE TRUST FUND.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—There are hereby appropriated to
24 the Hospital Insurance Trust Fund established under sec-
25 tion 1817 of the Social Security Act amounts equal to the

1 reduction in revenues to the Treasury by reason of the
2 enactment of this Act. Amounts appropriated by the pre-
3 ceding sentence shall be transferred from the general fund
4 at such times and in such manner as to replicate to the
5 extent possible the transfers which would have occurred
6 to such Trust Fund had this Act not been enacted.

7 (b) REPORTS.—The Secretary of the Treasury or the
8 Secretary's delegate shall annually report to the Com-
9 mittee on Ways and Means of the House of Representa-
10 tives and the Committee on Finance of the Senate the
11 amounts and timing of the transfers under this section.